

Department of Transportation

Aeronautics Commission

Mission

The mission of the Aeronautics Commission is to encourage, foster, and promote aviation as part of the transportation infrastructure for the state, region, and nation.

Operations

- Administer grant matching program for Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airport Improvement Program funds awarded to public-use airports.
- Work with the FAA and congressional offices to capture additional federal funds to assist airports in meeting mandated security initiatives.
- Coordinate activities to improve aerial navigation abilities.
- Serve as a member of the standing aviation committee of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials/ National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO).
- Represent West Virginia as a member and as chairman of NASAO.
- Serve as a member of the joint FAA/NASAO intergovernmental oversight committee.
- Work with congressional offices and federal and state agencies to secure additional grant assistance and funding opportunities for airports.
- Work with the West Virginia Development Office seeking opportunities for expanded economic development on airport property and near airports.
- Identify air transportation and infrastructure needs to meet immediate and future demands as part of the state's transportation system.
- Provide administrative guidance and support to the Civil Air Patrol.

Civil Air Patrol

- Provide emergency services, including search and rescue, disaster relief, and emergency communications.
- Provide air transport and reconnaissance for law enforcement officials.
- Provide cadet training and aerospace education programs.

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Expenditures

	TOTAL FTE POSITIONS 11/30/2003	FY 2003 ACTUALS	FY 2004 BUDGETED	FY 2005 REQUESTED	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION
EXPENDITURE BY PROGRAM					
Airport Development	3.00	\$1,824,941	\$4,061,755	\$1,717,299	
Civil Air Patrol	0.00	61,982	105,257	95,784	
Potomac Highlands Airport Authority	0.00	200,000	200,000	200,000	
Less: Reappropriated		(841,642)	(2,123,934)	0	
TOTAL BY PROGAM	3.00	1,245,281	2,243,078	2,013,083	2,015,820
EXPENDITURE BY FUND					
General Fund					
FTE Positions		3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Total Personal Services		174,766	171,269	171,269	171,269
Employee Benefits		30,682	52,795	52,295	52,295
Other Expenses		1,301,329	3,232,928	989,519	992,256
Less: Reappropriated		(841,642)	(2,123,934)	0	0
Subtotal: General Fund		665,135	1,333,058	1,213,083	1,215,820
Federal Fund					
FTE Positions		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personal Services		0	0	0	0
Employee Benefits		0	0	0	0
Other Expenses		193,135	196,875	0	0
Subtotal: Federal Fund		193,135	196,875	0	0
Appropriated Special Fund					
FTE Positions		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personal Services		0	0	0	0
Employee Benefits		0	0	0	0
Other Expenses		0	0	0	0
Less: Reappropriated		0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Appropriated Special Fund		0	0	0	0
Nonappropriated Special Fund					
FTE Positions		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personal Services		0	0	0	0
Employee Benefits		0	0	0	0
Other Expenses		387,011	713,145	800,000	800,000
Subtotal: Nonappropriated Special Fund		387,011	713,145	800,000	800,000
TOTAL FTE POSITIONS BY FUND	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY FUND		\$1,245,281	\$2,243,078	\$2,013,083	\$2,015,820

Programs

Air Transportation System and Aviation Infrastructure

Mission

The Aeronautics Commission, working with the FAA and other federal and state agencies, implements aviation programs and policies to improve aviation infrastructure and air service to prepare West Virginia for the aviation growth expected in the 21st century.

Goals and Objectives

Improve airport infrastructure.

- Match 100% of the FAA's Airport Improvement Program funds made available to West Virginia airports.
- Capture additional federal funds for security initiatives.
- Capture additional federal funds for safety area, pavement management, and economic impact studies.
- Implement Statewide Airport System Plan Study recommendations as funding permits.

Assist airports in public awareness programs.

- Increase number of business and leisure travelers.
- Attract additional economic development opportunities for airports (on airport property and near airports).
- Retain and increase existing air service and attract additional air carriers.
- Actively support restructuring efforts of airlines in West Virginia to help ensure they remain in the state.

Assist airports in meeting new federal and state requirements and improving safety.

- Assist airports in meeting new federal and state fire fighting regulations and restrictions.
- Conduct statewide fire fighting and disaster training.
- Acquire additional global positioning satellite (GPS) approaches for airports.
- Acquire updated weather systems for airports.

Performance Measures

- ✓ Nationally, working on aviation initiatives to secure funding for rural states to attract additional air service. Working with Congressional Offices on FAA reauthorization legislation. Small Community Air Service Development Grant Program is included in federal legislation.
- ✓ Completed the Statewide Airport System Plan update.
- ✓ Participated with West Virginia airport managers and aviation industry representatives in West Virginia's first aviation conference.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual 2001</u>	<u>Actual 2002</u>	<u>Estimated 2003</u>	<u>Actual 2003</u>	<u>Estimated 2004</u>	<u>Estimated 2005</u>
Matched FAA funds	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
GPS approaches acquired for airports	4	3	4	4	5	4
Airport/mutual aid responders trained	N/A	91	N/A	635	750	825